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Fortifications in the Svilengrad Area (15 March 1953)

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1. A trench which serves as a tank obstacle extends along the Turkish-Bulgarian frontier, from the Maritsa River (N 41-47, E 26-08) to the Tundzha River (N 41-56, E 26-33). This trench starts at the Maritsa River, northeast of the Svilengrad railroad station, and continues through a ravine, southeast of Pustrogor (N 41-51, E 26-16), (formerly Aladaliy). It then crosses the Svilengrad-Topolovgrad highway at location N 41-51, E 26-16, between Nova Levka (N 41-52, E 26-16), and Stara Levka (N 41-51, E 26-16). The trench then passes south of Mustrak (N 41-51, E 26-18), thence south of Ravna Gora (formerly Evsheber, N 41-52, E 26-20), and over the Kara Bash heights (N 41-53, E 26-22). The trench passes north of Mikhalich (N 41-51, E 26-25), Svilengrad Okoliya, Sladun (formerly Khaskyov, N 41-51, E 26-27), Topolovgrad Okoliya, and Varnik (formerly Kereshtik, N 41-52, E 26-31), Topolovgrad Okoliya. It then crosses west of Filipovo (formerly Amideto, N 41-54, E 26-31), Topolovgrad Okoliya, and terminates near the border, at the Tundzha River.
2. This trench passes through flat areas and circles around heights. The Kara Bash heights serve as an observation post. The trench is three meters wide at the top, one meter wide at the bottom, and two meters deep. In spite of the fact that the trench is cleaned out periodically, it is in bad condition and has collapsed in some places. Three barbed wire fences run parallel to this trench.

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3. Five rows of fortifications are located in the area enclosed by the Tundzha River and the line formed by the following villages: Filipovo, Prasadets (N 41-53, E 26-32), Varnik, Matochina (N 41-50, E 26-32), Sladun, Mikhalich, Shtit (formerly Skyuder, N 41-49, E 26-22), Raykovo Mogila (formerly Kaikyoy, (N 41-48, E 26-18), Chernodub (formerly Karadur, N 41-45, E 26-16), Generalovo (formerly Pashakyoy, N 41-43, E 26-16), Pustrogor, Nova Levka, Dervishka Mogila (N 41-55, E 26-21), Studena, and Konstantinovo (N 41-55, E 26-30).
4. These fortifications consists of reinforced concrete bunkers erected at 1000-meter intervals in a checkered pattern. The bunkers are encircled by a low barbed wire fence.
5. In this same area there are also a few large reinforced concrete block-houses which are probably used as command posts. Their sides are eight meters in size and they are approximately four meters high. Each block-house is divided into approximately six rooms. A cylindrical cupola approximately one meter high and one meter in diameter is located over the block-houses, on the same level as the ground.

Troop Movements in the Kharmanlii Area

6. On 27 January 1953, [redacted] the antiaircraft unit stationed in Lyubimets ([redacted]), at its camp in full field gear and ready to march. The unit was composed of approximately 100 men and included 8-10 light antiaircraft horse-drawn guns. [redacted] 25X1
7. On 12 February 1953, [redacted] an antiaircraft unit, [redacted] moving toward Kharmanlii on the Khaskovo-Kharmanlii road. This unit was composed of approximately 50-60 men and was equipped with four light antiaircraft guns drawn by three-axle Steyr trucks. [redacted] 25X1

Army Officers from Studena

8. [redacted] the following officers who were born in Studena and were Communist Party members: 25X1
 - a. Lieutenant Dimitur Tonev Parkhov, [redacted] 25X1
 - b. Lieutenant Dimitur Nikolov Kuchmarov, [redacted] 25X1
 - c. Lieutenant Stoyko Dimov Sofronov, [redacted] 25X1

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